awareness generation against the evils of child labour in 133 districts.

(d) No such information is available.

बन्धुआ और बाल श्रम के पुनर्वास के लिए वित्तीय सहायता

239. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान बन्धुआ और बाल श्रम के पुनर्वास से सम्बद्ध प्रायोजित योजनाओं के तहत सरकार द्वारा प्रदान की गई वित्तीय सहायता का राज्य/वार/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र-वार ब्यौरा क्या हैं:

(ख) उपरोक्त अवधि के दौरान प्रत्येक राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र मे बंधुआ और बाल श्रम के पुनर्वास में किस सीमा तक उन्नति हुई और

(ग) वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान इस प्रयोनार्थ प्रत्येक राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र की कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की गई?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री एम.अरूणाचलम) : (क) से (ग) सूचना संकलित की जा रही हैं और सभा पटल पर रखी दी जायेगी।

Census or the Tribal Labour Engaged in Tcndu Leaf Collection in Andhra Pradesh

240. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to make a census of the tribal labour engaged in tendu leaf collection in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any such survey was done in West and East Godavari and Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh by the Director General of Labour; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof alongwith the details of the district-wise population engaged in this sector of employment?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that they propose to do a census of the tribal labour engaged in tendu leaf collection in the State.

(b) and (c) Such a survey was earlier done in West and East Godavari and Khammam Districts by the Govt, of Andhra Pradesh. As per their findings, the tendu leaves are collected during the season in the forest areas of Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam and Khammam Districts. There are 12,330, 22,236 and 27,161 tribals in Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam and Khammam Districts respectively.

Accidents in Indusrial Establishments in Bihar

241. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents which have taken place in industrial establishment in Bihar during the last five years;

(b) whether Government have issued instructions to industrial establishments in the State to provide adequate safety as well as to check recurrence of such accidents therein; and

(c) if so, the names of industrial establishments which have adopted these safety measures and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According fo the available information, the number of accidents which took place in industrial establishments in Bihar during 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 are as under.

Year	number of accidents
1991	2504
1992	2792
1993	2674
1994	1532

Information for 1995 is not yet available.

(b) and (c) Safety measures required to be taken to check occurence of accidents

have been laid down in the Factories Act, 1948 and the Rules framed thereunder. All industrial establishments are required to follow the same.

Closure of Mines in Orissa and Bihar

242. SHRIMATI JAYANT1 PATNAIK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Mines are facing closure in Orissa and Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons which let to the closure of these mines; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to extend time to the mine owners to fulfil the environmental norms so that the mining activities are continued?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (c) The Supreme Court of India in the Writ Petition (Civil) No.202 of 1995 [with Writ Petition (Civil) No. 171/96] passed an interim order on 12.12.96 that in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all on-going activity within any forest in any State throughout the country, without the prior approval of the Central Government, must cease forthwith. As per the order, every State Government must promptly ensure total cessation of all such activities forthwith. In compliance of the above order, Government of Orissa and Govt, of Bihar have closed down certain mines opeating in forest areas. Legal opinion in the matter had been obtained. The matter is sub-judice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The State Governments or the aggrieved parties have to approach Hon'ble Supreme Court wherever necessary.

Handing over of Sukhinda Chrome Mines to NMDC and CMC

243. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to hand over 855 hectares of Sukhinda Chrome Mines to NMDC and CMC; and

(b) if not, the present position of the ownership of these prospected and developed chorme mines?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) Mineral Concessions are granted by respective State Governments as per provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 and Rules made thereunder. At present the area of 855 hects. in Sukhinda Chrome Mines is under the possession of State Government of Orissa. Any further decision in the instant case has to be taken by the State Government of Orissa in accordance with the judgement dated 4.4.1995 to Hon'ble High Court of Orissa in O.J.C. Nos. 7729/93, 4701/94, 3825/94, 5422/94 and 7054/94 and Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 23.7.1996 in S.L.P. Nos. 10838/95, 11391/95, 11392/95 etc.

All India Mines and Geology Conference

244. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL
SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industry Minister of Gujarat has addressed the need for geological and rational development of wealth in the country to bring prosperity to backward rural area through employment generation in All India